

### REMARKS

Applicants have replaced the abstract and amended the claims to eliminate improper multiple dependency and to improve the claim language by recasting the claims in more positive terms consistent with U.S. practice. Because of the substantial revisions to claim 1, applicants have rewritten it as new claim 11 instead of showing the amendments to claim 1 in strikeout and underlining form. Applicant has also amended the specification to insert headings. No new matter has been added, nor has the claim scope been narrowed by these amendments.

Early action allowing claims 2-12 is solicited.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **246472008500**.

Respectfully submitted,

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